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Who is She That Looketh Forth as the Morning?

HE FEEDETH AMONG THE LILIES

R. E. Stockton

"Whither is thy beloved gone, O thou fairest among women? whither is thy beloved turned aside? that we may seek him with thee. My beloved is gone down into his garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies." Solomon's Song 6:3.

"Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, turn, my beloved, and be thou like a roe or a young hart upon the mountains of Bether." Solomon's Song 2:17.

"Thy two breasts are like two young roes ***, which feed among the lilies. Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, I will get me to the mountain of myrrh, and to the hill of frankincense. Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee." Solomon's Song 4:5-7.

The above Scriptures are but a few of the many passages which might be quoted to prove the important spiritual truth to which we desire to call attention; namely, that Jesus manifests Himself only to the pure and holy, the meek and gentle. "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."

He feedeth among the lilies, NOT among the tobacco plants. Tobacco soaked men and snuff-dipping or cigarette smoking women are never heard shouting, seen dancing under the power of God or called cranks or fanatics.

"For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banqueting, and abominable idolatries." 1 Pet. 4:3.

The selfish, pleasure loving world with its joy-riding, gum-chewing, picnicking, picture shows, dance-halls, bathing pools and worse can never have the manifestations of the Christ. They are feeding the swine instead of the Son of God and feeding on the husks instead of feasting with Him. Their running hither and thither proves that they have not found the true rest. "The servants of the Lord shall not make haste."

"He feedeth among the lilies." Not among the carnal, those who preach and practice sinning every day. I spent many years of my life in such churches. He didn't feed there so I left.

"And Samson made there a feast; for so used the young men to do." It was a Hebrew custom for the bridegroom to furnish the feast. It was presided over by a governor. John 2:8, 9. There was music, dancing and sometimes intoxication. Feasts were also given by kings.

When Jesus comes to feast with His holy children, He furnishes the feast. While He is gathering new lilies for His garden His hungry saints are be-

ing filled with milk and honey. What a shout of joy we send up when some one is translated into the kingdom. In Isaiah, Jesus is spoken of as governor. As such He presides at our spiritual feasts. There is music, dancing and often the world thinks we are drunk.

"Whither has thy beloved gone, that we may seek him with thee," is the question asked of God's Church by a few earnest people. Would to God there were more. How blessed are they who turning away from friends, creeds and prejudices come boldly to the Church of God and inquire the way to get the fullness of Christ in their lives.

The saints answer, He has gone down into the garden, Church of God, to the bed of spices to inhale the savor thereof (praise of saints) and to gather lilies. He is always seeking new people to make white like lilies, and to set them in His Church.

"My beloved is mine and I am His." We must not only have Him but we must have His yoke upon us, be submissive and bring every thought into submission to Him. "Whither has he turned aside." If the other churches would be honest they would admit that He has turned aside. They need to be directed to Him.

"Until the day breaks *** be thou like a roe or a young hart upon the mountains of Bether." How shy, how unapproachable is a young deer. How impossible to imagine yourself walking up to and caressing a young deer in the forest. Well, our beloved, is compared to a roe or a young hart upon the mountains to those who will not be holy and walk in the light.

Many kinds of wild game have disappeared from our civilized country, they still exist, but in distant haunts where man is seldom seen. Under the pure, calm moonlight the rabbits come forth and feed in the garden or yard, but let man approach and they fade into the gloom. Doves drop down and feed in the open field but are away at the slightest alarm.

But these wild things have been tamed by man until they will feed in His presence unafraid, light upon His shoulder and follow Him about. So can you and I prepare our hearts for the abiding of Jesus until He will sup with us and never leave us.

"Mountains of Bether." Bether means division. Let there be division in church, home or heart and Jesus will be like a roe or a young hart. He will avoid that spot, He will not feed there. He will be shy. He will go into His garden where the beds of spices are, where is harmony.

"Until the day break." Run-

ning the reference we find, "Till the day star arise in your hearts." Till Christ is honored above all in your life He will not feed around you.

"To the mountain of myrrh, and to the hill of frankincense." These are emblematic of incense, offering praise. Be saturated with praise.

"There is no spot in thee." This does not describe the denominations of worldly churches. They are full of spots and they have no back door except for those who get the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We must be diligent to keep the Church of God without spot or wrinkle.

rollments in order to make a big show, but we get the approval of God on our work when we keep a clean church like He taught us to in His Word. Nothing short of the pattern will be accepted on the last great day. We need to settle down to business for the Lord. If we can't harvest some real wheat we surely can quit bringing in cheat, cockle and smut.

We don't want anyone to get it into their minds that radicalism means harshness, for it does not. You do not have to be harsh to stand uncompromisingly—far be it from harshness. Nothing is ever gained by being too rigid and harsh.

I wonder now if some of the people who are members of the Church of God wouldn't accuse Jesus of being radical when He told the people in John 6:44, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lust of your fathers ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him." I guess if some of our people had heard this they would have turned up their nose at Him and said, "He is too radical."

Was Jesus radical when most of the disciples turned back and He asked the twelve, "Will ye also go away?" Was He radical when He called some folks fools? Luke 11:40. Was He radical when He called the folks, "Graves which appear not?" Was He radical when He told the folks they were hypocrites and their throats were an open sepulchre full of dead men's bones?

Was He radical when He took a scourge of cords and drove the thieves and gamblers from the temple, telling them not to make His Father's house an house of merchandise? Was He radical when He talked to the woman at the well telling her of all her sins? We will have to admit that He was radical on more than one occasion.

Now, let us see if His followers were radical after Pentecost when they sold their possessions and were all of one accord and had all things common. Two came in after agreeing to lie to the Holy Ghost. What happened? That old radical Peter said, "Why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost?" Immediately they fell down and gave up the ghost.

Was John the Baptist radical when he said, "O generation of vipers (snakes who hath warned you to flee the wrath to come?)" Was Stephen radical when he said, "Ye stiff necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, Ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your father did, so do ye." You remember they got so mad at this that they gnashed on him with their teeth.

Was Peter radical when he set his eyes on that old sorcerer and said, "O full of all subtlety and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right way of the Lord?" Was he radical when he heard of fornication in the Church of God at Corinth and he told the people they were puffed up and had not mourned

that the fornication might be taken out of the way? He also told them their glorying was not good as long as there was leaven in the lump. He told them to purge (make pure, to clean) out their leaven that they might be a new lump. Was he radical when he told them not to keep the feast with old leaven (sin)? Was he radical when he told the brethren of Thessalonica to withdraw from every brother that walked disorderly?

Was John radical when he gave orders saying, "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds."

If these were radicals and we follow them we will have to be, too. If we follow the Lord we will have to carry out Paul's instructions to the letter

We preach the Church of God as a clean government. Let us make it so, either have the goods or quit peddling. We are on whom the ends of the world have come. Will we walk worthy of the vocation wherein we are called, or will we let down the standard, lose the power by compromising and finally lose out in the end? No, a thousand times no! We will conquer, we will go forward in the face of every foe, we will stand for the truth and right. Call us radical or not, we will not lower the standard for anyone.

The battle is on and the victory must be won. Never before have we had such testing but we must win. Remember there is no victory until the battle is first fought. Let us stay in battle array and when the victory comes we will be entitled to the spoils. Much love for God and His Church.

Don't Forget Children's Day

Every church and Sunday School should make all necessary preparations for a great day for the children on June 10. We will take pleasure in aiding you in every way possible.

The campaign should start now with every active worker at his post for twenty-five per cent. increase in attendance in every Sunday School. This can easily be done if every worker will put forth a special effort and continue his efforts until the close of the service on CHILDREN'S DAY.

We must not neglect the children, but cause them to feel that we are interested in them, and that we are depending on them to take our places and carry forward this great work to which God has called us.

Some of the greatest Christian workers gave their hearts to the Lord when they were young. Their lives became a blessing to thousands.

Systematic canvass should be made of the territory on which your Sunday School is situated for every boy or girl who does not attend Sunday school. Invite them in and insist on their attending. Come one and all, both great and small.

RADICALISM

A. Gann

Much has been said pro and con about being radical. The question naturally arises, were Jesus and His followers radical?

First, let us get the meaning of radical. It means original, extreme, advocacy of extreme, reform, uncompromising, etc.

Men are sometimes branded as radicals because they will stand for what they know to be right. They will not compromise with wrong. If compromising with wrong keeps us from being radical, then let us be radical.

We often hear people say, "Oh, he was just so radical that I didn't like to hear him preach. He ought to preach with more love and not mention the Church of God, nor tell people of their faults at all." They just want us to soft soap

and pet the devil, pat the folks on the back until we make hypocrites out of them, just let any old thing stay in the church to get numbers (because they don't want to hurt anyone's feelings), harbor the wrong thing in the church because they are somebody's relatives or because they are good thithe payers or we might lose our reputation as a pastor if we lose some of our members and our prestige with those over us. If it is radicalism to stand for the right, let us all be radical.

I was very much impressed by a statement made by our editor in last week's edition where he said, "There is a place just beyond the mellow and ripe called rotten."

We never gain reputation or prestige by getting large en-

Children's Day
Sunday, June 10
Let Every
SUNDAY SCHOOL
Prepare for a
GREAT DAY

CHILDREN'S DAY

Leah Jeanette Lemons

What are you going to do Children's day? The children who attend your Sunday School today are the ones who will teach and superintend it tomorrow. They will also become the officials of your church. Will they do as well or better than you have done? We must move up and make better progress. Is your Sunday School offering your children sufficient stimulation, training and other incentives to mould their habits, so that their future will be acceptable in the sight of the Lord? It can be done. Will you help do it?

Children's day is one on which a great opportunity is offered. Teachers, do your part, will you? Encourage self-expression from each child in your class, either by reading or by song. Be a little child with them. Personality must be developed now.

Let every Sunday School plan for a great day of happiness and enjoyment for the little folks.

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help us make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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EDITORIAL

Look for the forthcoming special issue of the Church of God Evangel on Orphanage work, its importance, needs, possibilities, etc.

All of our subscribers would do well to notice the date appearing with their address, which indicates the date that their subscription expires, and renew at once. Any subscriber, who will solicit five new yearly subscriptions, we will renew theirs free for one year. This can easily be done with just a little special effort.

We have received a number of requests for programs for Children's Day, June 10. We have hurriedly prepared and sent out programs for all the Sunday Schools. We hope that these programs will serve a great purpose in the Children's Day exercise. We sincerely hope that every Sunday School will observe this day for the encouragement of the children, and put forth a special effort to increase the attendance in the Sunday School.

While planning your special day for the children don't forget the homeless and neglected children, who have no one to provide a good time for them. Also remember the needs of the Church of God Orphanage and Children's Home at Cleveland, Tenn. The daily expenses of about forty are very heavy and must be met by the Church of God. Think of the good Samaritan, who not only remembered and provided for present needs, but also arranged for future needs.

If six hundred ministers and workers in the Church of God solicited the same number of subscriptions to the Church of God Evangel in the next six months, that you did in the last six months, what would the increase be in the circulation of the Church of God Evangel? How many will you try to get in the next six months? Begin now. Please figure out the above problem and see what our possibilities are. Every minister and worker should be some active at once.

REPORTS

Just closed a revival at Soddy, Tenn., in which many souls were blessed. Quite a number were saved and sanctified and five received the Holy Ghost. In spite of all the enemy could do the Lord wonderfully blessed.

Brother J. C. Jernigan did most of the preaching. Special music was rendered by the writer.

Anyone desiring to preach at Soddy will certainly be well cared for.

Luther Albritton, the blind musician of the Church of God.

A three weeks meeting has just closed here. Three were saved, two reclaimed, one sanctified and one received the Holy Ghost. There are some to come into the Church soon.

Brother F. R. Harwood of Logan, Ill., was with us all through the meeting, also Brother W. J. Milligan of Carmi was with us a few days. These brothers did some wonderful preaching. While we did not see much results we know the Word will not return void. I am sure the saints have been better established in the doctrine of the Church of God.

John O. Yates, pastor,
Sesser, Ill.

The Lord is blessing us again at Parrot, Va. I was assigned the work in Parrot. There had not been any services there for a long time but when I preached Saturday night the building was filled with people. When the choir began singing I believe the Lord opened the windows of heaven. We had a wonderful time. We had another good time Sunday. Officers were appointed for prayer meeting and Sunday school.

Some of the saints have drifted away from God but they are so anxious to get back to Him. We know that prayer moves God on His throne so we request the prayers of all the saints for the work at Parrot, Va.

Read the following Scriptures on prayer: 1 Thes. 5:17; Phil. 1:3, 4; Col. 1:3; 1 Thes. 1:2.

The Church of God must go over the top and, thank God, she is rising above the hills now. The Lord told Moses to be strong and of good courage. I praise God because I am encouraged.

Lovingly,
R. M. Stover, pastor,
Roanoke, Va.

Dedication Service

On May 6 the church house at Sletty's Grove was dedicated to the Lord. The church here was set in order Aug. 26, 1922. The people have built a nice little house 28x36 feet.

The people began to gather at 10:00 A. M. the singing started and the choir was at their best and the Lord sure did pour out His Spirit on the people and they danced, shouted and talked in tongues.

At 10:30 a collection was taken to pay off the indebtedness on the house and \$101.50 was pledged in about fifteen minutes. This amount over paid the debt as it was only \$87.50.

At 11:00 o'clock Brother M. W. Letsinger preached the dedication sermon, using 2 Chr. 2:4 for his text.

It was wonderful to hear this message as the Holy Ghost spoke through him. He brought many wonderful things to our minds. The power fell on the saints till it looked like we could not stand much more. At the close of the sermon the speaker asked all to stand in silence to God for a few minutes. He then asked us to lift up our hands to God and he asked God to accept the little house, which we feel sure He did by the manifestations of the Spirit. We then fell on our faces before God and thanked Him for accepting the house. We sang a song and had a good old time hand shake, the Lord

sure did bless. We adjourned for dinner which was served on the ground. It was a sight to see the good things that the mountain people had prepared. The crowd ate and there was enough left to have fed that many more.

At 1:30 P. M. we gathered back for the evening service. Brother J. R. Cleverner of Newport was ordained as deacon. Brother R. L. Collette, pastor, conducted the praise service and the Lord blessed.

At 2:30 P. M. a short talk was given by the writer. He used Psa. 110:3. We adjourned at 3:00 P. M. and met back at 7:30 P. M. and Brother Letsinger preached for us on the Seven Churches of Asia. It was wonderful to hear this message as he proved by the Bible just what age we were living in. The people said that they could see that the end was near.

I. H. Brabson, district pastor, Johnston City, Tenn.

As The Lord Hath Spoken It."

Dear Saints of God Everywhere: I am thanking and praising God this evening for this wonderful salvation and for His keeping and healing power.

God has been wonderfully talking to me of late. He woke me up the other night about the midnight hour and I was meditating and He spoke to me saying, "Get up and write." I said Lord, I don't know what to write. He said, "Write, these sayings are faithful and true."

I got up and got a pencil and paper and began to write. The power was strong upon me as my hands scribbled the words He gave me. Here is what He gave me:

"These sayings are faithful and true, I, the Lord thy God hath spoken it. I will dwell in them and they shall be my people, saith the Lord. I have spoken it, My Word shall not return unto me void. Hearken diligently unto my voice and heed my calling and I will do great and marvelous things in your midst if ye be obedient and keep my sayings and so fulfill the law of Christ."

"Consider what I say and I will give thee understanding to know of His will and will help you to learn of Him and walk in His paths. Learn not to thine understanding but keep humble before me in love. Listen to my voice and let your soul delight itself. Open thy mouth and speak the words that I give unto thee.

"Seek God with all your heart, be strong, be faithful and obey His voice at all times. Be not afraid of evil men, look unto me. Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life. Be not wise in thine own conceits. Be faithful, be true, be humble. Neareken unto me and I will do great things in your midst. Keep close to me.

Listen at my voice for I am talking to you my children. Keep your eyes on things above, be patient and be humble before me. Heed my voice, obey my commandments and look to me. I will take you through for these are evil days but be thou faithful.

Have I not promised to care for you if you will heed my calling and trust me? For I am your God and ye are my children. I will protect thee in time of need. I will be thy shield and buckler. I will hover about thee to protect thee in time of need. I will be thy shield and buckler. I will hover about thee as a hen hovers her young ones.

"Keep true and obey my voice for the time has come for my children to be busy and faithful and do my will at all times for my time is short. I will soon come to deliver my little children from the evil one. Pray more, stay humble and walk in love. Be gentle keep in faith.

"Let not your good be evil spoken. Delight thyself in the Lord. Cry aloud and spare not. Lift up thy voice unto this people. Shun not to declare the truth as it is. Amen. Pray that I will obey the Lord. Your sister in Christ,

Mammie Walker,
333 Clinton, St.,
Macon, Ga.

SPECIAL NOTICE

There will be home coming and Children's Day at Soddy, Tenn., June 10. We invite everybody, and especially the members of this church.

The children will render a program in the forenoon. We will have roll call in the afternoon and every member of this church will be expected to answer with a testimony.

J. C. Jernigan, pastor,
4316 Waterhouse St.,
Cleveland, Tenn.

BATTLEFIELDS

The Lord is blessing us at Coaldale. Last summer Brother Franklin and the writer and some faithful sisters held a meeting in the open air. The Lord blessed our little labors by saving souls and three received the Holy Ghost. Since that time seven more have received the Holy Ghost and two or three have been reclaimed. We are thanking the Lord that the ones who are getting the blessing are standing true and most of them are becoming real workers in the Lord's harvest, reports W. E. Motes, Traftord, Ala.

Have just closed an eighteen days meeting at Midway, Fla. G. C. Sapp, our pastor, from Sanford, Fla., gave out the Word with much power. While the saints were being exercised under the power souls were made hungry and fell in the altar. The enemy fought hard and three revivals were started near by to hinder but, praise God, He was leading in the fight and He had never lost a battle. There were twelve saved, seven sanctified five filled with the Holy Ghost, seven followed the Lord in water-baptism and eight were added to the Church, reports Daisy Sheldon Sapp.

COMMENT ON THE BOOK OF JAMES

J. B. Ellis

(Continued from last week)

Part 11

meekness the grafted word which is able to save your soul.

Then there is spiritual defilement. Paul says, "Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit." Like the flesh and mind, the spirit is defiled by spiritual contamination. It is alarming how we may be affected by bad or evil spirits. We should be very careful how we allow ourselves to affiliate or associate with low and base persons. I have in mind now a party who has such demon power that she could put her mind on the object of her lust and wake them up and cause them to come to her for immoral purposes. It makes one shudder to think of such a thing.

There are seducing spirits and doctrines of devils who try to force themselves and their doctrines upon us. They often make their appearance in religious services. We have a good subject and begin to demonstrate. If we are not careful and hide away in Christ we will be swept off our base and find ourselves yielding to their influence. This is just why we need to know the grafted word which will save our souls from being overcome by them. We must stay aloof from all spiritual mediums and clairvoyant practitioners, and all doctrines not in harmony with God's Word. They will defile us.

Have you ever noticed that after being thrown among those who carry on filthy conversations, how defiled you feel and longed for an opportunity to get alone with the Lord and get under the precious blood of Jesus. A poor job in good company is preferable to a good job in bad company.

Practicing What You Hear

"Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was." (Vs. 22-24).

While we are to be swift to hear we must not forget that with hearing comes responsibility. Our motive in being swift to hear must not be merely for the sake of knowing something about God's Word, but in order that we might put into practice the things we learn. Many go to church, hear the message, see themselves in the mirror of God's truth, make good resolutions and vows, but as soon as they are away from the church they forget all about it; forget how they felt about themselves as they looked into the mirror, forget their vows and fail to put into practice the things they have heard.

Some of you have been doing this all your life and you are now near the end of your life which is nothing but a long chain of broken vows and disappointments. You are now standing on the brink of eternity ready to cross over and come into the presence of your God to whom you have told a thousand lies, empty handed, with a wasted life behind you, to answer a just God who will judge you according to the deeds done in this life. I shudder for you. How shall you escape if you neglect so great salvation.

Let me beg you to shake off your lethargy, avail yourself of your remaining opportunities, and redeem the remaining days of your life, ere you come to the end of the way to meet the fate of the slothful servant who hid his lord's money because he was afraid. Remember the eleventh hour laborers and take courage. To fail a few more times means your eternal destruction.

James said, "But whose looketh in the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed." This is the way to get the blessing. After you have heard the Word to go out and put it into practice. There is no real blessing except in service.

God saves us for service and when we fail to serve by putting into practice the things we hear we will have no blessings in this life, and no rewards in the life to come.

Vain Religion Versus Pure Religion

"If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain." (V. 26). We have already described this unfortunate man who was a tattler, a rafter, a tinker, a backbiter, a busybody in other man's matters and wise in his own conceit. He deserves our pity for he is deceiving his own heart. Poor fellow, making himself believe he is religious, when his religion is all vain and for show. What a contrast between him and the man who has pure and undefiled religion!

Important Announcement

Quite a number of people have been anxiously waiting

the completion of the BOOK OF PROPHECY by F. J. Lee. We are

glad to announce the book is

now ready. Every student of

prophecy should avail himself

of the opportunity of

procuring one of these valuable

books before the supply is

exhausted. It is thought that the

demand will far exceed the first

edition. Send in your order at

once. Price \$1.25.

Educational Department

F. J. LEE, Superintendent.

BIBLE SCHOOL

We are fast approaching the time for the Bible School to reopen. Many are writing to us of their intention to attend the school this term. I will make this request, that every one who expects to attend, will write for application blanks to be filled out and returned to us, so we may know who to count on, so we can make the necessary preparations. If the attendance is an increase over last year, we will have to make some special arrangements. The prospects seem now that the attendance will exceed that of last year.

If any one would like to investigate further about the school we would be glad to send you a catalog which gives the information very complete.

Church of God Bible School

I want to call your attention again to the fact that this school was launched by the Church of God. So every loyal member of the Church of God should boost the school when the opportunity presents itself, and not forget that this is not a school belonging to any individual, but a school to be supported by the entire Church. All can solicit for students. We need students. We need encouraging words. We need a larger dining room. We need a new cook stove. We need coal to keep the students warm next winter. Yes, God will supply our needs, but I don't believe that He wants to get out of our own ranks to do it. If He can get hold of some of His faithful Church of God members He will work through that channel. I know that He has some in His great Church who are longing to do some good deed. They have money, but are afraid to put it into service lest it should not bring the results that they hope for, so that money is laying idle, perhaps cankered. Who can afford to let their money canker while there is such a great need? "Need?" Yes, we have precious boys and girls all over the United States and wherever the Church of God is represented, who would like to come to the Bible School, but for the lack of finance they are handicapped, not only are they handicapped but the Lord's work is handicapped for the lack of efficient workers in the ministry.

Churches Take This Up

Two or three churches have taken the responsibility to send one student each to the school. This is a good

CALLING FOR HELP IN CALIFORNIA

Greetings to All My Dear Friends and to All Who Love the Truth and Desires to Know of Its Advancement:

No doubt, many of you have wondered at the long silence of the California saints but by no means have we been idle. I have been laboring constantly since Jan. 1 at this place as pastor. How much I desired to have a pastor come here this year that I might evangelize. I did my best while at the Assembly but failed. No one even talked as if they might come. So I came back determined to stand by the little flock God had given me. When I returned I found that the entire church had prayed constantly in my absence for God to send me back as pastor. I have done my best. That is not much of course. Jesus said, When we had done our best to say we were unprofitable servants, so I feel that I am of no profit to Him even though I have done my best.

The church here is moving rapidly and surmounting every difficulty that is presented and they are many. I have never in all my life seen the devil try to overthrow a work as he has here. It seems that he thinks if he can overthrow this work that it would crush out the truth from the Western states. But God gives the victory in every test. We have had several additions to the church lately and the interest increases daily. The members of the Church with her truth is being felt for many miles.

I was called yesterday to pray for a lady who was seventy-eight years of age. She was very sick and had a high fever. We prayed and God instantly healed her. I saw the power of God come upon her and encouraged her to seek God. She did and in a few moments she had the blessed Holy Ghost. It was wonderful to see her leap out of bed and shout God's praise. Truly it is good for the old as well as the young. About two months ago a lady was very sick and when her husband came for the saints to pray for her he said he was afraid she would not be alive when he got home. She was having convulsions and was instantly healed and came to meeting that night and testified to her healing. In a few nights she received the Holy Ghost and came into the Church.

It is wonderful how God deals with the people here in dreams, visions and discernment. I wish I could take time to tell of some of them.

We are at work now on our church building. It was erected last summer but was never sealed and finished. Now we are ceiling and finishing it and by the time this is printed it will be complete. D. V. We have a nice building on a beautiful lot close in to town. It was wonderful how God worked it out for us to finish the church building. I had prayed much about it lately as I wanted it finished before my year's work was up.

Last Sunday night in my sermon I

work. There are many churches that could do the same.

I believe that every church that sets forth one for the ministry, should send that one to the Bible school. We will never be able to preach the same doctrine until it is taught from one center. Some believe in keeping Saturday. Some don't believe in paying tithes. Some believe in taking medicine. Some don't believe in Sunday school literature. Some don't think demons have anything to do with disease. Some don't believe in taking wine for the sacrament. Some don't think it necessary to wash the saints' feet. Some don't think that women have any thing to do but stay at home and care for the babies. Some do not believe in the pre-millennium return of the Lord. Some do not believe in church organization. Some believe that all people if they have been converted and their sins forgiven belong to the Church of God. Well, I might just as well cease mentioning all these different beliefs for I never could mention all that are in the world, so that is just why we need a Church of God Bible School, so that all of our ministers may be taught in the Church of God doctrine.

The Spirituality

The spirituality of the school is fine. Many come to the school as a seeker for the deeper experiences of grace, and receive them before they leave. Many receive the baptism with the Holy Ghost, in fact, the atmosphere seems pervaded with holiness in and around the buildings while the school is in session. Mother, as the students all call Sister Gonia, looks after those who for any cause become discouraged. They will all tell you that she is a real mother to them.

The expense isn't very heavy. The board is only three dollars and a half per week at the school dormitory, the catalog will explain all. Now let me insist again, if you are interested, send for a catalog. If you have made up your mind to attend, send for an application blank.

There are those who feel that they can't leave their work to attend the local school. I would advise that they take the Bible course by correspondence. Many have completed this course and speak in high terms of the course. Send for a catalog if you are interested. We are trying to help all classes in the Bible study.

Mrs. Meldrum Bedgood, Mt. Vernon, Ga., wants all the Evangel readers to pray for her family to be healed and that a way will be opened for them to attend church. Also pray that she will receive the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. Elender Goss, Fox, Va., desires all the saints to earnestly pray that God will heal her spirit. He was 58 years, 9 months and 23 days old.

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God's Children Are Gathering Home

To All the True Saints of God Scattered Abroad—Greetings:

The Lord has certainly been blessing us in a wonderful way and giving us a greater portion of His divine love and spirit and soul for our hire.

At our regular Sunday morning church service, Apr. 29, our pastor, Brother S. J. Wood, took for a text, 1 Kings 18:21, "How long hast ye between two opinions?" The message was delivered in his usual forceful manner and at the conclusion of the service, a man who had been a Nazarene preacher for about twenty-three years but later accepted Pentecost, arose and said the message was addressed to him that it described his condition exactly and through faith in God he had made a decision during the service to "quit dining on slop when he could get peach cobbler in abundance." He and another Pentecostal preacher who had recently been led into the light of the Church were taken in as members, also a man and his wife came in at the same time.

We are thanking God for these new laborers He is sending forth in His vineyard and are trusting Him to make true and valiant soldiers of them, even in these perilous times.

During the testimony service that followed the preaching a woman who seemed to be deeply touched arose and confessed that she had backslidden from God and seemed to be in an awful condition. She had come to the place where she felt that God must assist her and she immediately went to the altar and was gloriously saved and sanctified. Glory to God. Two souls have recently been baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Although Satan has given the church here many blows, we, like Pilgrim, have passed through the sluice of despond and feel like we have come out more than victorious over all.

I speak for myself and I feel free to say for every other member of the Church of God at Paris, we feel like traveling on. Pray for us all to do our best and be faithful to the Giver of all good gifts.

Alma McCollin,
Paris, Texas.

Given Up All For Jesus

Dear Saints Scattered Abroad—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I want to sound a note of praise for my blessed Redeemer who has done so much for me.

I am so glad that one day about three years ago about the 20th of this month, the dear Lord wonderfully reclaimed me from a backslidden life, and give me back the sweet joy and peace. How I thank and praise God for His mercy and for what He is to me. "Glory to His precious name."

It seems that the enemy tries every way to overcome me. I have many hard trials and temptations, but Jesus said He would never leave nor forsake us. Praise His precious name! He says His grace is sufficient to keep us. How I thank and praise God for His precious sweet Word and promises. I know they will never pass away. Glory to Jesus, I want to thank and praise God for what He is to me. I know without Him I could not stand. Oh, how I do love my dear Savior.

I am thanking and praising God because I belong to the dear old Church of God. I love its government and members.

I am looking for Jesus' soon coming to catch away His bride, for she is making herself ready. Praise His dear name. I am glad that I can say I am one of them. Although I feel the least of all God's children, and feel that all are doing more for Him than I, by the precious help of God, I mean to go through at any cost. I have had to forsake several of my very dear friends and most all of my people for Jesus' sake. Oh, sometimes it seems that I can't bear my cross much longer, but when I go to God and cry out to Him it seems He helps me to bear the cross and makes it lighter.

I desire the prayers of all the saints.

Your sister under the blood,
Mrs. Georgia Casey.

Healed of Tonsilitis

Dear Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name:

I want to sound a note of praise to my blessed Saviour for the great blessing I have received, and for the way my blessed Saviour is healing and leading me. Only last Sunday night he healed me of a bad case of tonsilitis and something like dengue fever. I was taken sick last week and my folks called the doctor and we tried the doctor, though I did not get any better. A dear sister friend of mine was here and she came in the room. I told her to tell my family to come in and pray for me, I felt like the Lord would heal me. They prayed and I was healed. After prayer they sang, Come Where the Blood Can Heal. When they got to the verse, If you would arise from your bed of pain to the cause of Christ, then kneel, the Lord just lifted me up and healed me. I joined in the singing. We sang several songs. One was, Won't You Come and Go With Me? When we sang the verse, He will lead me safely and will lead you too, the healing was completed. Praise God, I am up singing His praises.

I want to tell how the Lord has answered prayers. For three years I have prayed for a way to be provided for me to attend a Church of God meeting, and, praise the Lord, He has not only provided that way for me but has provided a way for my children also. My children are in this way and we have services at our home every Wednesday night, out four

miles south of Quitman. Dear Brother Barnett and his dear wife, Sister Barnett, conducts the services. Children and I are only new babes in this way and need your prayers.

Please pray that I will get the Holy Ghost. I am wanting it whatever the cost may be. I promised the Lord if He would, save me I would testify to it. Praise the Lord, I feel like traveling on in this grand old way of holiness. If there anything in the way of me getting the Holy Ghost I want you to pray for the Lord to show it to me, also pray for my husband to be saved. It is an awful test for a husband to draw one way and all his family trying to walk in the light.

Your sister under the blood,
Mrs. W. A. Deal,
R. 4, Quitman, Ga.

Holding on to God in Maryland

Dear Saints Everywhere—Greetings in the Precious Name of Jesus:

We have been left without a shepherd for some time and at times the way seems dreary. Yet we are praising God for sweet victory in our souls and that He is still with us to bless.

When we have been feeling down hearted and discouraged we would begin to pray for the Lord to send us a messenger with words of cheer and He would hear us send us some one.

During the winter Sister Clara A. Mullikin from Trappe, Md., preached for us. It seemed that God sent her with just what we needed most. She is a true child of God and it seems that He has full control of her and gives her messages that does our hearts good, long after she leaves us. Words fail to express just how we love her and how glad we are to have her with us.

She comes sympathizing with us and helping us to bare our burden and it seems that our load is lighter with her. She was with us some weeks ago and visited the homes of some who were almost ready to give up because we had no preacher. She prayed with them and invited them to church.

God gave her a powerful message on, Love. We had a nice crowd and He blessed in power and might. Her sermon won the hearts of the congregation and they said, "The Church of God isn't dead at Pine Ridge, Md."

Then about the middle of April, God wonderfully answered our prayers by sending Brother Avery D. Evans. We fail to find words to say just how much we enjoyed having him with us. We were sorry that his stay was so short. His sermons were food to our souls and we surely had a feast while he was with us. When he said goodby at the church he left us in tears. We felt as Brother Padgett said when he visited them on the Island, that we would like to have kept him with us. We hope to have him with us again in the future.

I do praise God that He has a chosen people and that He has sent some of them to our little church. If we never see Brother Evans again we will always be glad we met him and of the good things he told us to encourage us to press on and win the prize. May God pour out His richest blessings upon him and use him for His own honor and glory is the sentiment of the Pine Ridge church at Eden, Md.

It seems said to me after God has said in his word, "Feed my lambs" and "Feed my sheep" and then see churches set in order, souls going through to victory, praising God for saving them from a life of sin, sanctifying them and baptizing them with the Holy Ghost and then see them left for the wolves to devour. I can't feel down deep in my heart that God is well pleased with such.

It is one of the saddest sights to see precious souls being born of God, then going down to a devil's hell for the lack of a shepherd to feed the flock, but lacked the power. Now I am writing this so that the Church of God will soon begin to turn her efforts to the Jew since it is so important for us.

As the Lord leads I will endeavor to give all the light I can. I am praying for them to be led right.

It would be good if in the summer months some of the Church of God people could come and be with us. I trust something can be done along this line, the best thing at present is prayer, therefore, please add this to your prayer list.

Remember me in a special manner in connection with them, because I desire to do the Master's will for them also pray that the Lord will give them light to rightly divide the Word. I am praying for the Lord to send some strong worker for the gathering in of them.

that God is not pleased with our work. I want to be in the center of God's will and do everything decently and in order.

I want to praise Him for healing my body. Sometime in the winter I wrote to the Evangel for prayer, and I know God heard and answered. Pray for me to be a soul winner for Him.

Just to know my precious Savior is to love Him. I have always found Him loving constant true; There's no other friend so great but He's above him,

What my Savior is to me He'll be to you.

Your humble sister in Christ,
Susie L. Owens,
Princess Anne, Md.

A Battle Won in the Bahamas

Have just closed a ten days meeting at Tea Bay, Cat Island, with victory. Two were saved, one sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, two followed the Lord in water baptism and six were added to the Church.

The enemy fought us very hard but the Lord gave us the victory. The Baptist preacher put up his brother to mob us. He gathered his crowd together and one night as the saints and the writer entered the hall to start the services, the mob demanded the light and took it off. The writer went after the light. The mob warned him as to what they would do but he went right back into the hall and commenced his service. This so enraged the mob that they came in again with a club and demanded the light. The writer refused to let them have it so the mob took the writer and gave him a good beating. About this time others began to pelt the hall with stones, inasmuch that they stoned their own crowd by mistake. One woman tried to throw an evangelist out of the door while he was on his knees praying. She absolutely failed. Then the leading one of the mob sat down on the doorstep as dumb as a lamb.

The writer then told the people how God was back of this and the powers of hell could not prevail against it. The next day the leader of the mob came and confessed his guilt and begged us to pray for him.

What Are We Doing For the Jew?

About two years ago while reading my Bible I came across these words in Isa. 47:6, "I was wroth with my people, I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into thine bond: thou didst shew them no mercy; upon the ancient hast thou very heavily laid thy

Now the thought that presented itself to me was that we were not doing for the Jew what was required at our hand. And while I failed to see any mention of the Jew made in the Evangel, my mind ran in that direction so much that I felt led to write about the same but time went on and the way was not opened.

In the meantime the Lord has been working here. We have what is called the Messianic tabernacle. It is a Jewish mission and run by a converted Jew by the name of Holzer. The place has been running about five or six years and after I got light on the baptism of the Holy Ghost, I went frequently but this truth was not brought out in its fullness, rather it was more or less shunned by them, but now Mr. Holzer has gotten the light in the truth and lately the Lord has led me there again.

He also revealed to me that they need the baptism of the Holy Ghost, that all their equipment was complete, but lacked the power. Now I am writing this so that the Church of God will soon begin to turn her efforts to the Jew since it is so important for us.

As the Lord leads I will endeavor to give all the light I can. I am praying for them if He had not felt they needed food.

I pray that God will have His hand on every minister and state overseer and help them to see what dangerous ground they are standing on before they go any further.

I love the dear old Church of God and it grieves my heart to see anything going on contrary to the will of God. I know that Jesus looks down on us here in Maryland. I can feel the pity and tender love He has for us, and if we had not been truly born of God we would have felt long ago that there was nothing to salvation without a leader, but He said in Ezek. 34:7 that we should have a shepherd. "Therefore will I save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between cattle and cattle." This is a comforting message to us. Praise the Lord for His precious promises.

I think it would be well for every minister and state overseer to study the thirty-fourth chapter of Ezekiel.

I say this with a heart full of love. I am burdened to see the sheep going astray, wandering through all the mountains and upon every high hill.

"Yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them." This makes me know that God doesn't want us to be scattered.

He has been burdening my heart for sometime. I earnestly hope that the shepherds will go forth and rescue the precious lambs that the wolves are seeking to devour. "As I live, saith the Lord God, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but fed themselves, and fed not my flock. Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the words of the Lord."

This means something, dear friends.

We want to obey God and do His will, not ours. When we get self in the way and want to do our own way I feel

BOOK OF MINUTES

All of our members and friends would do well to order at least one copy of the BOOK OF MINUTES, which is full of valuable information. This book gives a brief history of the church since 1886 and more especially including the first and thirteenth annual Assemblies. We can also furnish you a copy of the fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth minutes, which includes the last Annual Assembly. Book of Minutes \$1.25.

Trusting Him For Both Soul and Body

To the Dear Saints and Evangel Readers Everywhere—Greetings in Jesus' Sweet Name:

I feel like it would be pleasing with the Lord this morning to witness for Him and hold Him up to this lost and dying world. It is high time to wake up for the harvest truly is ripe and the laborers are few.

Dear saints, let us push forward and hold up Jesus and speak a word for Him wherever we go and try to carry the light to some precious soul that is sinking in despair. There are so many people unconcerned about their souls. May God help them to see their condition before it is too late.

Oh, how I do thank God for a full and free salvation that will stand when Jesus comes.

I do praise Him for picking me up out of the ditch of sin and placing my feet on the solid rock where I mean to stand till Jesus comes or calls for me.

I shall never forget the day when the Lord spoke peace to my soul. It was in my home one Sunday evening while two of God's little humble servants were praying for me to be healed, I got humble enough for them to pray for me to be healed and He didn't only heal me but saved me too and, thank God, I am still saved.

About a year later in an old brush arbor the Lord applied His blood to my heart and wonderfully sanctified me holy. Glory to Jesus. Then later in an old tobacco barn He gave me the blessed Holy Ghost that still abides in my heart. He is not dumb but speaks for Himself as the Spirit gives utterance according to Acts 2.

I thank God that we do not have to be a brush arbor or tobacco barn now. We have a church building to worship in. Although it is not complete but we can worship in it. But my heart goes back to that old barn. It is such an humble looking place and I have received so many good blessings there. We have had some real good meetings there. Eight have received the Holy Ghost there and I don't remember how many have been saved and sanctified.

We also had Sunday school in there two summers and I can't forget that dear old place, but I thank God because He has given us a better and more comfortable place. Please pray that the Lord will help us to complete our building in short time.

I want to thank the Lord for the good time He gave us Christmas. He wonderfully blessed us. Brother E. J. Hanker was with us and the Lord sure did bless him in giving out the Word. It seemed like you could see the glory of God all over him as he gave out the Word. Saints were made to shout, dance and talk in tongues. This Christmas will long be remembered. I will soon be fifty years old and I never spent as happy a Christmas in my life. The Lord was with us from the very beginning to the end and, praise God, He is still with us. Hallelujah!

I can feel the fire burning as I write these lines. He says He will never leave us nor forsake us and we know His Word is true. Some times the trials seem heavy and the way dark but thank God, His grace is sufficient. He will always carry us through if we will stay true and obedient. He says obedience is better than sacrifice.

Let us be obedient to God's Word and take the whole Bible for our guide, not just part but in full.

Oh, how I do love the dear old Church of God. The one that is founded on the rock, Jesus Christ Himself and the one that the gates of hell cannot prevail against. I do love its teachings because they are straight and clean.

Thank God for a salvation that keeps us above sin and the devil can't take away from us. He says nothing can snatch us out of His hands.

Of course we can get careless and stray from God and if we don't mind he will snatch us then and cause us to backslide before we hardly realize what we are doing.

That is what the devil wants. He is working all the time, trying every weak point he can find but if we are true to Jesus Satan can't get any hold on us.

I am so glad I can truly know that I am a child of God and have a great determination to go all the way with Him. I want to thank Him that I can trust Him with both soul and body and for my children, too.

We have gone through with a bad spell of "flu" and thank God, we found His grace sufficient. We never used any remedy except prayer and He has brought us through. Oh, it is so sweet to trust in Jesus and take Him at His Word. I just can't thank Him half enough for what He has done for me and my family. Oh, that everybody could see into this blessed way of holiness.

I am so glad I ever learned to trust God for His healing power, I haven't taken a dose of medicine or rubbed any on in nine months.

Your brother in Christ,
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